THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) All treatment facilities at Safdarjung Hospital are provided free of cost to the poor and depressed families. Besides, financial assistance is also provided to poor patients for costly procedures out of National Illness Assistance Fund.

(d) As a policy, the patient care allowance is admissible to the eligible categories of employees, as per the duty performed by them during the month.

Tea Breaks in CGHS Dispensary, Janakpuri

336. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that both medical and para-medical staff at CGHS Dispensary, B-Block, Janakpuri take at least two tea breaks of half-an-hour daily;

(b) if so, whether such breaks cause avoidable inconvenience to the beneficiaries;

(c) whether they are allowed for such tea breaks; and

(d) if not, whether Government would issue necessary instructions to the CMO of the dispensary to stop such breaks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Tea breaks are not allowed to the Medical Officers/staff in CGHS dispensaries including the CGHS dispensary at Block, Janakpuri. However, as per existing instructions, the Medical Officers and othelr staff in CGHS dispensa s can have tea at their own table after 10.00 a.m. without hampering the n mal functioning of the dispensary.

(b) to (d) In view of (a) above, the questions do not arise.

Availability of Doctors in CGHS Dispensary, Janakpuri

337. MISS FRIDA TOPNO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of doctors posted at CGHS dispensary No. 74, B-Block, Janakpuri;